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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed October 24, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to February 25, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 22, 1997; December 7, 1998; August 18, 1999; October 14, 1999; April 13, 2000; November 8, 2000; and June 25, 2001. **However, the Applicants have not received acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 25, 2000; May 15, 2002; May 22, 2002; June 27, 2003; and September 28, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of these Information Disclosure Statements.**

Claims 23-32 are pending in the present application, of which claim 23 is independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.